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BRENDAN
Mr Brendan Smyth MLA
Chair - Estimates Steering Committee
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020,
Canberra, ACT 2601.



Dear Mr Smyth

On 25 June 2015, the ACT Policing Director of Corporate Services Chris Hayward together with myself and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services appeared before the Estimates Steering Committee chaired by you.

Mr Hayward inadvertently placed incorrect information before the Committee which requires correction.

Hansard records: *To do the whole test so there is an initial random drug test is in the order of \$10 per test. If a positive arises from them then we have to go to a more formalised test which is substantial which several hundred dollars per test. Comparing that with random alcohol testing that is essentially at no cost whatsoever at the roadside and then there is a test that is less than \$100 once a formalised blood analysis test is taken at the station.* - pg. 88.

The correction needs to portray:

1. A preliminary roadside drug test (tongue wipe) costs \$37.80, i.e. in the order of \$38.00.
2. The reference to a formalised blood test should refer to a breath analysis.

ACT Policing have provided a brief to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with similar advice, and respectfully request the submission made by Mr Hayward is corrected as the Committee sees fit.

Yours sincerely

John Bourke
Performing the duties of
Chief Police Officer for the ACT